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AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENT METHOD, APPARATUS
AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2002 (the three-month response date for which is March 19, 2003), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace/amend the paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 22 as follows:

A/ The tomographic image external input part 112-3 writes data to the diagnostic image sequence file 112-10. The resolution matching processing part 112-4 reads data from the diagnostic image sequence file 112-10 and the comparison image sequence file 112-11. In addition, the resolution matching processing part 112-4 writes to the correction image sequence file 112-12 of comparison images. The projection image generation processing part 112-5 and the display processing part 112-9 read data from the diagnostic image sequence file 112-10 and the correction image sequence file 112-12 of comparison images.

Please replace/amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 30 as follows: